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Attorney Karla Hewitt Joins the TN Human Rights Board of Commissioners



(Nashville, TN - July 2008) – Consumer watchdog board president Carla Hewitt joins the TN Human Rights Commission Board of Commissioners replacing Patricia Pierce who recently relocated to East TN after retiring from Vanderbilt University.

Ms. Hewitt is an attorney with the law firm of Hewitt and Barry in Nashville, Tennessee where she practices in the areas of family and domestic relations law, wills and probate and personal injury. She is a 1985 graduate of Auburn University where she earned a B.S. degree in Business Administration. Hewitt earned her Juris Doctorate from Nashville School of Law in 1996.

“I am looking forward to working with Ms. Hewitt. I strongly believe that her work in the interest of all the citizens of Tennessee will be a true asset in furthering the purpose of our work at the Tennessee Human Rights Commission. We work for the people, and Karla is sympathetic to the need to bring justice and conciliation to those who have been wronged,” said Spencer Wiggins, Chairman of the Board.

Hewitt serves on the Board of Governors of the Tennessee Association for Justice and is President of the Board of Directors of Tennessee Citizen Action, a consumer watchdog organization. She also serves as an Ombudsman with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Committee of the Department of Defense, where she helps to resolve disputes between service members and their employers, which arise under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.

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